



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 2124  
Alok K. SRIVASTAVA et al. ) Examiner: Satish Rampuria  
Serial No.: 09/872,590 )  
Filed: May 31, 2001 )  
For: METHOD AND MECHANISM )  
FOR USING A META-LANGUAGE )  
TO DEFINE AND ANALYZE )  
TRACES (*as amended*) )

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 7.